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For record purposes and ready reference, there are set forth hereinafter details relative to the establishment of CG 5824-S*, our most highly placed informant, as liaison between the Communist Party (CP), USA, and the Soviet Union.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, there has been no direct liaison between the CPUSA and the Soviet Union due to such factors as passport restrictions in this country and other security measures in effect. In addition, the CPUSA has been fearful that such liaison would be detrimental to the Party's current appeal to the decision of the Subversive Activities Control Board that it is a communist action organization pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Instructions and guidance from Moscow have, of course, continued to flow through such media as Soviet publications and public statements of Russian leaders.

In addition, the Labor Progressive Party (CP of Canada) has been utilized as a means of transmitting information and instructions between the CPUSA and the Soviet Union. In this regard, Canadian regulations apparently do not preclude the issuance of passports to active communists and about three or four times a year delegations of Canadian communist functionaries proceed to Moscow for consultation with Soviet officials. On the occasion of each such trip to Moscow, the Canadians send word to the CPUSA in the event the CPUSA desires to transmit any information or documents to the Soviets. Upon the return of the Canadian delegations, once again the CPUSA is notified and furnished any Soviet instructions. Our coverage of this operation has been extremely good inasmuch as NY 694-S*, a brother of CG 5824-S*, is utilized as the courier between the CPUSA and the Canadians.

During November, 1954, NY 694-S* was in contact with [redacted] of the Canadian CP, who had recently returned from a trip to Russia. [redacted] stated that while in Russia he learned that there was a particular group within the Central

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Committee of the CP of the Soviet Union (CPSU) known as the International Department which handles liaison with communist parties in foreign countries. According to [redacted], the International Department was headed by a member of the Central Committee and consisted of 25 other members, each of whom had exclusive authority over a particular country. (65-62041-123)

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Through the above operation, we received information concerning a trip of Canadian communists to Russia in the Summer of 1955. Upon the return of this delegation, NY 694-S* proceeded to Toronto where he consulted with the Canadians from 8/8 to 16/55. He was told that John Williamson, former member of the national committee, CPUSA, who accepted voluntary deportation to Great Britain on 5/4/55 following completion of his sentence for violation of the Smith Act, had proceeded to Moscow where he reported to the Central Committee of the CPSU regarding the status of the CPUSA. Williamson reportedly had a personal interview with Mikhail Suslov, who was described as a member of the CPSU Secretariat in charge of the International Department. Suslov was generally critical of the programs of the CPUSA but promised that he would assist the CPUSA in every way possible. He instructed Williamson to return to London where he was to serve as a "listening post" and act as liaison between the Soviets and the CPUSA.

Williamson followed the above instructions and has since been utilized on various occasions to convey instructions and guidance from Moscow to the American CP.

Soviets Desire Closer Contact

Although this arrangement continued with some degree of effectiveness, information was subsequently received that in August, 1956, an official delegation of the Canadian CP went to Moscow at the invitation of the Soviets and held lengthy conferences with Nikita Khrushchev and other members of the Central Committee of the CPSU. Upon the return of the Canadian delegation, both CG 5824-S* and NY 694-S* proceeded to Canada and discussed the trip with the Canadians. According to our informants, the Russians indicated to the Canadians that they were not being kept fully and currently apprised of the situation as it existed in the CPUSA. The Russians stated they would like to have one of the leaders of the American CP come to Moscow if possible and if this was out of the question the Russians would like to improve the communications system between the Soviet Union and the CPUSA. (100-3-81-7502)

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Dennis Concurs That Closer Contact Needed

On 10/2/56, CG 5824-S* reported to Eugene Dennis on the trip of the Canadian delegation to Russia. Dennis did not make any comment regarding the information that the Russians wanted him or some other leading member of the CPUSA to come to Moscow for discussions. He merely smiled and remained silent. At this same time, while discussing John Williamson, Dennis stated that Williamson continues to say that his stay in England is only temporary and that he would like to represent the American CP on the international scene. Dennis stated that he thought this was ridiculous and asked how can Williamson who is separated from the American scene represent the CPUSA. Dennis continued that it was necessary to consider the possibility of working out some other means of international communication even though Williamson may still be talking in the name of the CPUSA. He cautioned our informant not to furnish this information to other members of the national leadership under any circumstances. (100-3-69-2519)

Development of CG 5824-S* as Potential Courier

Since it was now apparent that both the Soviet officials in Russia and Party officials in this country were dissatisfied with the system of communications between the Soviet Union and the CPUSA, this matter was carefully analyzed by the Internal Security Section at the Seat of Government to determine if there was some manner in which we could capitalize upon this situation. In order to fully explore this matter, all field offices were advised by letter dated 11/2/56 to give it close attention. Specifically, they were instructed (1) to carefully review all current informants, particularly those on relatively high Party levels, and (2) to consider businessmen and other individuals who periodically go to Russia on legitimate business. Upon the receipt of the results of our survey of the various field offices, it was determined by the Internal Security Section that the most productive and desirable development from our point of view would be to guide one of our informants into the position of being selected by the CPUSA as a courier between the Party in this country and the Soviet Union. Analysis of this over-all matter indicated that CG 5824-S* undoubtedly represented our best potential in this regard in view of his background and his favorable associations with the leading Party functionaries. Our efforts were immediately concentrated on guiding this informant to the point where he would be designated as this courier.

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CG 5824-S* Represents CPUSA in Canada and Mexico

A major step in the attainment of our objective developed when CG 5824-S* maneuvered himself into being selected on 4/21/57 by the Party's national headquarters to go to Canada, meet with the new national committee of the Canadian CP as the official representative from the CPUSA, and report to the national committee of the CPUSA upon his return. (100-3-81-7805)

CG 5824-S* proceeded immediately to Canada on 4/22/57 where he conferred with various communist functionaries. Tim Buck, general secretary of the Canadian CP, told our informant that the CPUSA was in the doghouse as far as the international communist movement was concerned. He also stated that the CPSU wanted a leading member of the CPUSA to proceed to Russia to discuss the activities of the CPUSA. During this conversation, Buck stated that if the CPUSA representative could go to Mexico for one month, he could be transported to Russia regardless of passport difficulties.

During this same trip to Canada, CG 5824-S* had a conversation with one Valdez, a representative of the Mexican CP who was in Canada to attend a national convention of the Canadian CP. Valdez, through our informant, invited the CPUSA to send a representative to attend a meeting of the Central Committee of the Mexican CP on 5/11/57. During this same conversation, our informant arranged for all communications between the CPUSA and the CP of Mexico to pass through him. (65-62041-292)

Upon his return to this country, CG 5824-S* met with Eugene Dennis on 4/30/57, at which time he furnished the results of his Canadian trip. At this time, Dennis ruled out any possibility that he himself would meet with representatives of the CPSU outside of the United States. When our informant mentioned the invitation from the CP of Mexico, Dennis urged our informant to go as the representative of the CPUSA. (100-3-81-7832)

As requested by Dennis, CG 5824-S* proceeded to Mexico where he met with four leading functionaries of the Mexican CP on 5/15/57. After briefing them on the situation within the CPUSA, informant was in turn furnished a report on the status of the Mexican CP and other communist parties in Latin and South America. (100-3-81-7849)

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CG 5824-S* Appointed to Foreign Affairs Committee

Upon his return to this country, informant was requested to attend a meeting of the national executive committee on 6/22 and 23/57 where he reported on his Mexican trip. At this meeting, Dennis announced the formation of a foreign affairs committee headed by himself and including our informant as one of the members. (100-3-69-4441) In this regard, it is noted that Dennis had previously advised the informant that as soon as the Party's national office was organized he was going to suggest the establishing of a special committee on foreign affairs which, among other things, would deal with political problems such as the activities of communist parties in other countries. (100-3-81-7819)

Following the above meeting, the informant conferred with Sid Stein and Claude Lightfoot on 6/25/57. Stein stated that he, Lightfoot and Dennis had recommended that the informant become coordinator of international affairs for the CPUSA, although this position would not be given any publicity. During this discussion it was agreed that the informant would go to Canada to give the Canadians a report on his Mexican trip and also obtain information regarding the current situation within the Canadian CP, following which he would report back to the foreign affairs committee or possibly to the national executive committee. (100-3-81-7883)

Informant proceeded to Canada and met with Tim Buck in Toronto on 7/3 and 4/57. He told Buck that he had been selected as a member of the foreign affairs committee of the CPUSA and was also under consideration for the position of international secretary to coordinate contacts between the CPUSA and other communist parties. Buck indicated that he was pleased that the informant had been chosen for this position and advised that if the informant needed any help in communicating with Moscow or in establishing a more efficient method of communicating with Moscow, he would be glad to help.

Informant told Buck that he had discussed with Dennis, Stein and Fred Fine the need to establish direct contact with the CPSU in Moscow. He also told Buck that he had conveyed to the afore-mentioned individuals the information that Buck had given the informant to the effect that the CPSU would like to speak to a representative of the

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CPUSA in Russia. Informant advised Buck that he expected a decision to be made on this matter by the CPUSA in the near future. He continued that the big problem would be travel papers. Buck indicated he understood and suggested that everything possible should be done to get travel papers from the United States and he could then more efficiently arrange for transportation from Canada to Europe so there would be no problem of being stopped. Buck advised the informant that he would communicate with Russia to inform them that someone from the United States would be traveling to Russia. (100-3-81-7896)

CG 5824-S* Selected as CPUSA Liaison With Moscow

Upon his return, the informant furnished the results of his trip to Stein and Dennis in New York City on 7/11/57. (100-3-81-7905) Subsequently on 7/29/57, Dennis and the informant discussed the matter of re-establishing contact with the Soviet Union in order to give the Russians a picture of the inner situation in the CPUSA. Dennis stated he thought that the CPUSA should start rebuilding these connections and that it would be a very good idea if the informant gave consideration to the thought of taking a trip to Russia. Dennis further instructed the informant to make another trip to Canada to get facts and material on the situation in the Canadian CP and then make a report to the next national executive committee meeting scheduled for 9/14 and 15/57. (100-3-81-7922)

Informant proceeded to Canada where he attended a meeting of the national committee of the Canadian CP from 8/31/57 to 9/2/57. He met with Tim Buck on 9/3/57 and discussed the possibility of a CPUSA representative going to Moscow. Buck told the informant he would get word to the Russians that the CPUSA wanted to send someone to Moscow. Buck pointed out that the representative would have to be someone acceptable to the Russians. The informant then stated that Dennis had suggested that the informant be this representative to which Buck replied there should be no question about the Russians accepting the informant as the CPUSA representative. (100-3-81-7966)

Upon reporting back to Dennis on 9/16/57, Dennis told our informant he was of the opinion that this might be an inopportune time for the CPUSA to send anyone to Russia. He pointed out the

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technical difficulties involved and also stated that no leading comrade would want to get involved in a passport fraud or some similar matter. He continued that he was thinking of an alternate plan of having John Williamson come to Canada where he would meet with a delegation from the CPUSA and be briefed on the situation within the CPUSA. Williamson would then go to Russia, present the facts to the Russians and obtain a clarification of policy. (100-3-81-7977)

Soviets Accept CG 5824-S* as CPUSA Liaison

On 11/12/57, Dennis advised informant that he was relying upon him to see Tim Buck as soon as possible following Buck's return from Moscow. It is noted that Buck had left for Russia around 11/5/57 and was supposed to be gone for a month to six weeks. (100-3-81-8025)

On 11/25/57, NY 694-S*, who had just returned from Canada on another matter, met CG 5824-S* in Chicago with information of great importance. While in Canada, NY 694-S* was advised by Leslie Morris, acting general secretary of the Canadian CP in the absence of Buck, that Morris had been called to Ottawa by the Soviet Ambassador who advised that the Russians would be most happy to meet with CG 5824-S* and Dennis and were waiting for proposals from the states concerning this contact and "how soon." (100-3-81-8038)

CG 5824-S* discussed the above information with Dennis on 12/4/57 and again on 12/10/57. Dennis indicated that he was anxious to have the CPUSA make personal contact with the Soviet Union and realized that it should be done as soon as possible. He again instructed the informant to go to Canada as soon as Buck returned from Russia and obtain all information Buck had concerning this contact. In discussing the possible trip of informant to Moscow, Dennis said that he thought the informant should go alone although he, Dennis, was considering taking at least one other person from the left wing in his confidence so that the informant would be making the trip as a representative of the CPUSA and not as the personal representative of Dennis. (100-3-81-8054)

On 12/16/57, NY 694-S* received word from the Canadians that Buck would not return from abroad until after the end of January. Upon receiving this information, CG 5824-S* decided to contact Dennis

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and suggest that even though Buck had not returned, the informant should go to Canada to attempt to obtain from the Russian Embassy, through the Canadian CP, any information which would clarify the original message from the Russians and also to make arrangements to be notified immediately upon Buck's return. (100-3-81-8063)

On 1/7/58, the informant proceeded to Canada where he conferred with Leslie Morris and Bill Kashtan, both members of the Secretariat of the Canadian CP. They were unable to furnish any additional information regarding the message from the Russian Embassy and recommended no further action until Buck returned. They further stated they would immediately notify informant as soon as Buck did return to Canada. Informant conveyed this information to Dennis on 1/8/58. (100-3-81-8075)

Soviets Desire Immediate Contact

On 2/14/58, Elizabeth Mascolo, common-law wife of Tim Buck, arrived unannounced at the office of NY 694-S* in New York City. She told him that Buck had returned to Canada on 2/12/58 and instructed her to proceed immediately to New York City with messages for personal delivery to Eugene Dennis, Alexander Trachtenberg, and William Z. Foster. NY 694-S* immediately contacted CG 5824-S* at the national headquarters of the CPUSA and had him come to the office of NY 694-S* to talk with Mascolo. Upon learning that Mascolo had a message for Dennis, CG 5824-S* returned to the Party's national headquarters and contacted Dennis who was attending a meeting of the national executive committee. Dennis advised the informant that he was involved in this meeting and told the informant to obtain the message from Mascolo.

Mascolo furnished the informant with the following information from Buck. The Central Committee of the CPSU welcomed the proposal that a representative of the CPUSA come to Moscow for conferences with the CPSU. The American Section of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU urged that this proposal be carried through as soon as possible. Arrangements for travel should be handled with American passports and other papers, if possible. If this was not possible, the CP of Brazil would give assistance in this regard and, if such assistance was needed, Buck should be contacted for details.

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Mascolo further advised that Moscow would like to have two copies of all material pertaining to the last meeting of the national committee of the CPUSA. This material was to be sent to Russia via Canada and Tim Buck. In addition, the CP of China, according to Mascolo, wanted an "active relationship" directly with the CPUSA through Dennis.

She further advised that William Z. Foster and his future were discussed with the highest authorities in Moscow and that Foster would be welcome to come to Russia whether for treatment or to visit permanently. The Russians would also welcome Foster's family and felt that it might be beneficial for Foster's granddaughter if Foster's family would accompany him to Russia.

In addition to the above, Mascolo advised that the Russian leaders would like to see more material on the Soviet Union printed in the CPUSA press, particularly "The Worker." The Russians would make arrangements to supply "The Worker" with a daily press service which would be transmitted to Canada and remailed to the CPUSA from there. Buck desired to know if this service should be mailed directly to the office of "The Worker" or to some other address. Mascolo continued that the Russians would like to have a correspondent of "The Worker" stationed in Moscow. Dennis was to be instructed, however, that if this was not expedient at this time the CPUSA should not worry about it. In the meantime, the "Canadian Tribune," Canadian CP publication, would send a correspondent who would also represent the CPUSA press from a news point of view.

Mascolo also advised that the American Section would like to obtain copies of all material presently being disseminated by the CPUSA. This American Section also wanted material in regard to labor and economic conditions in the United States. The CP of China also was desirous of obtaining the same type of material.

Mascolo stated that Dennis should be given the address [redacted] "for the purpose of sending any correspondence to Tim Buck. If the CPUSA wanted to correspond directly with the CP of China, material should be sent to "G. You, Post Office Box 509, Peking, China." (100-3-81-8192)

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Dennis Urges Prompt Action

On 2/18/58, CG 5824-S* met with Dennis in New York City and gave him a report on the information obtained from Mascolo. Dennis was impressed and pleased with the possibility of a representative of the CPUSA going to Russia. He urged the informant to go to Canada as soon as possible to get additional details from Tim Buck so that the informant could go to Russia immediately. He also told the informant that now that the left wing had gained control of the CPUSA he would take one or two other persons into his confidence so that the informant would go to Russia officially as a representative of the CPUSA.

Dennis told the informant to be sure and explain the Party's situation to the Russians when he got over there. He then wrote a dollar sign on a piece of paper to which the informant replied: "Of course, I will." Informant noted that this is the first time Dennis has ever indicated to him that the CPUSA might be able to obtain funds from Russia.

Informant told Dennis that he did not want to rush into this trip since there were many personal and technical problems involved. He asked Dennis what he thought about the idea of applying for a passport to Russia on humanitarian grounds due to his or his wife's health. If such a passport could be obtained, then the informant could go to Russia legally. Dennis indicated that he thought this was a good idea but went into no further discussion about funds for the trip or any other technicalities. According to the informant, Dennis expected the informant to work out these details with Buck.

Dennis told the informant to mail two copies of all material issued in connection with the recent meeting of the national committee of the CPUSA to the addresses in Canada and China. Dennis did not retain these addresses and told the informant to maintain this correspondence between the CPUSA and the Soviet Union and also between the CPUSA and the CP of China.

Dennis made no comment concerning the proposal of the Russians to have a correspondent of "The Worker" stationed in Moscow. He likewise made no comment concerning the possibility of using a

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correspondent of the "Canadian Tribune" to represent the CPUSA in Moscow from a news standpoint. He also had no comment concerning an address for material from Russia for use in "The Worker," although he did ask whether this material would consist of public releases or if it would be inter-Party documents. (100-3-81-8115)

Discussion With Tim Buck Re Trip to Moscow

Pursuant to Dennis' request, informant proceeded to Canada where he met with Buck on 2/25 and 26/58. Buck advised informant that he had conveyed to the Russian leadership the information that CG 5824-S* had been selected as the CPUSA representative to go to Moscow. Buck continued that the informant was approved as a CPUSA representative by Michael Suslov, Otto Kuusinen, and one "Besideen" (phonetic). Buck stated that the Russians realized that it might be impossible for the CPUSA to send an official delegate to the Soviet Union and agreed to accept the informant as a personal representative of Eugene Dennis, whom they consider to be the real leader of the CPUSA.

Buck advised the informant that the top Soviet leaders were very anxious to talk with a member of the CPUSA. He said that they were hungry for firsthand news and a political interpretation of events in the CPUSA and in the United States.

Buck also stated that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of China expressed a desire to see informant. This Chief Justice told Buck to tell the informant that he should go to the Chinese Embassy when he got to Moscow and arrangements would be made for him to be taken by jet plane to China even if he could spend no more than one week in China.

Buck then stated that he would send a letter to Russia by courier confirming the fact that the informant is to be the representative from the CPUSA to the CPSU. Buck continued that it was necessary to emphasize that the informant should make the trip to Russia as soon as possible because the leaders of the Soviet Union had stressed the urgency of seeing a CPUSA representative soon. Buck continued that the Russians would make provisions for the informant's wife if she accompanied him.

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Buck said that he discussed with the Russians the technical problems involved in this trip. He continued that he told them that even with an American passport a delegate from the CPUSA to the CPSU could not travel openly. The Russians told Buck that if the representative from the CPUSA could get to Brazil they would see that he got to London and then through the Baltics to Helsinki, Finland. From Finland the Russians would get him to Moscow. According to Buck, the Russians suggested Brazil because they thought that a person could go from the United States to Brazil without a passport. When they were told that a passport was needed for travel from the United States to Brazil, this upset all the plans which had been made. Buck stated that he still thought that the best bet would be for the informant to get an American passport, if possible. He even suggested the possibility of the use of the name of someone resembling the informant in an effort to get an American passport.

Buck stated that it might be possible for the informant to go to Russia with a Canadian passport but this would mean that the informant would have to live in Canada, then apply for a passport, and subsequently undergo an interview by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Buck felt that there might be trouble in such a plan and that it would cause a long delay. He then mentioned that Mexico might be a possibility and stated he would see what he could find out about this. He commented that if the informant could go to Mexico, perhaps the Mexican CP could get him a passport.

Buck further stated that any bulky material, as opposed to letters, which the CPUSA wanted him to transmit to the CPSU should be addressed to "Progress Books, 924 King Street West, Toronto, Canada." Any material which the informant wanted sent to Russia for his own use upon arriving in Moscow should be addressed to "Progress Books Union," with the same Toronto address.

Buck also told the informant that if the CPUSA desired financial assistance from the CPSU the informant should be prepared to present proposals as to how this money might be supplied in an indirect manner; for example, royalties, et cetera. (100-3-81-8128)

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Report to Dennis Re Proposed Trip

Upon his return to this country, the informant contacted Dennis on 3/6/58 and furnished him with the information he had obtained from Buck. Dennis was opposed to the tentative plan to use the CP of Mexico in any manner for travel since he does not trust the Mexican CP. He was also opposed to the use of Brazil for travel and stated that a previous comrade had used this method to go to Russia and it was not satisfactory. Dennis pointed out that there were dangers involved in attempting to obtain a United States passport and that he did not want to know any details concerning the attempt to obtain such a passport. He continued that if anything happened in regard to this proposed trip the CPUSA would have to "disown" anyone connected with it and that it might be necessary for the informant to "lay low" for a time after returning from such a trip. He gave the informant permission to attempt to make his own plans for the trip and indicated that despite the difficulties involved he was anxious for the informant to make this trip.

Dennis advised the informant that he had discussed the proposed trip with no one but that, depending on what happened to the contempt charges against [redacted] he might discuss it with [redacted]. He continued that the only other person he might discuss it with would be Gus Hall.

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The informant asked Dennis if funds could be obtained from the reserve fund in the form of a 90-day loan to purchase the necessary transportation with the plan being to get the Russians to replace the borrowed money. Dennis gave the informant permission to obtain a loan of \$1000 or \$1200 from Isadore Wofsy but stated that Wofsy should not be told the purpose of the loan. It is noted Wofsy was contacted on 3/7/58 but did not have this sum available at that time. He requested informant to recontact him again for this loan.

Dennis had no immediate suggestions for methods in which the Russians could provide funds for the CPUSA in some disguised manner. (100-428091-4)

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Following the completion of his report to Dennis, the informant consulted with NY 694-S* on 3/13/58 as to the procedures in obtaining a passport for travel to Russia, et cetera, inasmuch as NY 694-S* has had experience in the past in operating as a courier. It was decided that the best way to proceed was to build up a back-ground based on a completely fictitious person. Three names were selected for the informant, together with a name for his wife. The names selected for the informant were Martin A. Carson, Martin A. Cane, and Martin A. Camp. The name for his wife was to be Sylvia Soney Schlosser. After checking our files as well as causing a confidential check of State Department files, it was determined that the name Martin A. Camp was the most suitable for use in connection with this operation. (100-428091-5 and 6)

Buck's Suggested Travel Plans

NY 694-S* then proceeded to Canada on 3/14/58 for the purpose of advising Tim Buck that CG 5824-S* was going to make the trip; to stop any attempt Buck was making to get a passport in Mexico; to ascertain what countries the informant would pass through and how visas would be obtained; and to take up the question of reimbursement of funds on the premise that the informant would be getting funds for the trip from the CPUSA on a loan basis. (100-428091-6)

After receiving the informant's report concerning the feasibility of proceeding through Mexico or Brazil, Buck stated there was no way whereby he could make arrangements in Canada for the immediate departure of CG 5824-S*. Buck stated that he recently discussed the subject of departure points from Latin American countries with a Russian in Canada and the latter had informed him that the Soviets were then conducting an investigation of this matter in various Latin American countries. Buck advised that he felt the best point of departure for the informant would be New York City and that the informant should travel on an American passport. He estimated that the informant and his wife would need approximately \$1300 for the trip to Moscow. Buck advised that the Soviets definitely would reimburse the informant and stated that he was so certain of this that he was willing to give his personal guarantee to that effect.

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Buck advised that "floating visas" as well as the name and description of the contact who would meet the informant and his wife in Moscow could be obtained in England or in France. He strongly suggested, however, that these visas be obtained in London because the informant would avoid language difficulties in London and also because there is a direct flight from London to Moscow. Buck stated that he would notify the Soviets immediately of the status of the situation and would indicate the possibility that the informant might leave for Moscow soon. In that connection, he requested two weeks' notice of the informant's departure date so that a courier could convey this information to Moscow. He stated that the Soviets would require sufficient notice to allow them "to clear the way for visas in other countries."

Buck also stated that the informant should furnish him as soon as possible the names and numbers that would appear on the passports of the informant and his wife. He continued that he strongly advised that the informant go to Peking, China, for ten days and that the Soviets would have no objection to such a trip. (100-428091-7)

Information to be Furnished Soviets

CG 5824-S*, upon receiving the above information from NY 694-S*, proceeded to New York where he was to attend a meeting of the national executive committee on 3/28 and 29/58. Following this meeting, he met with Dennis on 3/31/58, at which time Dennis briefed the informant on recent developments within the CPUSA for the purpose of transmitting this information to the CPSU. Dennis stated that he had heard that Foster had two new articles which were then in Moscow. He said that the Russians should be told that Foster's articles are intolerable because they are causing divisions in the rank of the CPUSA and are also endangering the legality of the CPUSA. He told the informant that he should tell the Russians that even before he became ill the "old man" (Foster) was doctrinaire, rigid, and in recent discussions in the CPUSA he was actually engaging in factionalism. Dennis advised the informant that he was not going to tell Foster about the informant going to Russia and that he, Dennis, would take the responsibility if Foster found out about it.

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Dennis continued that the Russians should be told that there is a new round of attacks against the CPUSA and that some people would be tried concerning their membership in the Party. For this reason, spokesmen for the CPUSA have to be secure and careful.

The Russians were also to be told that in regard to the criticism of A. B. Magil in the "Kommunist," Soviet publication, some mistakes were made because the Russians were out of touch with the CPUSA. Dennis said that the Russians cannot investigate and thus do not know all the facts; therefore, they were just creating new problems for the CPUSA.

With regard to a representative from the CPUSA for the proposed international journal to be published in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Dennis stated that perhaps John Williamson could be the de facto representative for the CPUSA but he could not be the legal representative. He continued that Williamson might be able to supply information for this journal better than someone who was not acquainted with the United States. In this regard, Dennis discussed the possibility of Williamson making a trip from England to Canada about once a year where the informant could meet him and brief him on recent developments in the CPUSA thus permitting Williamson to act as the de facto representative for the CPUSA. When the informant asked Dennis if he should see Williamson on the way to Russia, Dennis stated it would be better to see Williamson on the return trip. If he would see Williamson he was to tell him that he was a careless correspondent and that he should know better than to write the type of letters and request the kind of answers that he has in his correspondence with Dennis.

When the informant asked Dennis if he should try to see Jaques Duclos in France, Dennis stated it would be best to try to see Duclos on the return trip. He also told the informant to find out what the CP of France is doing but not to tell them too much about the situation in the CPUSA.

Dennis told the informant to go to China from Russia and tell the Chinese that James Allen was concerning himself with the Chinese and that there was a subcommittee of people from Philadelphia and New York who were discussing the Chinese question and studying the Chinese situation.

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Dennis stated that it would be all right for the Soviet press material to be sent directly from Russia to "The Worker" provided the Russians sent the same material to a couple other papers in the United States. If the Russians planned to send this material only to "The Worker," then it was not to be mailed directly.

Dennis commented that the Russians made a terrible mistake in the manner in which they sent Irving Potash back to this country. He said that if it had not been for Jack Childs the CPUSA would have been in terrible shape for the Party had a narrow escape. Dennis said the Russians should be told that Potash came back to the United States at the wrong time.

Dennis told the informant that he should find out in Moscow and/or in Paris what happened when the French CP and the Central Committee of the CPSU discussed the Jewish question sometime after November, 1957.

When asked by the informant as to who would know that the informant was going to Moscow, Dennis replied that the informant would speak for the Secretariat. Dennis identified this Secretariat as consisting of himself, Robert Thompson, Jack Stachel, James Jackson, and Hyman Lumer. He continued that at least three of these people would know that the informant was going to Moscow. The only one who would not know would be Lumer. Dennis then stated that the informant would speak for the Secretariat and that he, Dennis, spoke for the Secretariat.

Dennis had no suggestions as to how the CPUSA might receive funds in a disguised manner from the Soviet Union. (100-428091-14)

On the afternoon of 4/7/58, SAC Auerbach called from Chicago to advise that the passport applications of the informant and his wife had been submitted to the Department of State on that day under the names of Sylvia Soney Camp and Martin A. Camp.

SAC Auerbach continued that while the informant was recently in New York, Lem Harris gave him a loan of \$1500 for this trip. This loan was made on the instructions of Dennis, who did not advise Harris as to the purpose of the loan. (100-428091-10)

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Final Travel Plans

On the afternoon of 4/14/58, SAC Auerbach advised that NY 694-S* had gone to Canada to confer with Tim Buck regarding the proposed trip. (100-428091-13) Upon his return from Canada on 4/15/58, NY 694-S* furnished the results of his discussions with Tim Buck. Buck was advised that the passports had been obtained and was furnished with the names and numbers thereon. Buck stated that he would go immediately to Ottawa to see the Russian Ambassador and furnish him with the names and numbers on these passports inasmuch as the Russian Ambassador was scheduled to leave Canada for Russia on either 4/15 or 16/58.

Buck stated that he still thought New York City was the best point of departure. He also stated that the best method for a person traveling as a businessman would be to go to London, from there to Brussels and then on the Sabina Airlines to Prague and then from Prague to Moscow.

Buck continued that the Russian Ambassador would make the necessary arrangements for the "floating visas." He continued that the informant and his wife should be in London by 4/25/58 where the informant's wife was to go to the Russian Consulate, see the receptionist, identify herself and request to see the consul. She would then be furnished a "floating visa" for Russia which would not be attached to the informant's passport, thus not reflecting that he had been in Russia.

Buck continued that the informant's wife would then go to the Czechoslovakian Consulate in London and secure a "floating visa" there for Prague. They should then leave London for Brussels via Paris on 4/26 or 27/58. They should leave Brussels immediately for Prague where they would be met by a ground hostess to whom they would identify themselves through a series of exchanged words. The hostess would then arrange for hotel accommodations, travel to Moscow, et cetera. At Moscow they would be met by a representative of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU who would make all arrangements. When Buck was asked if any personal effects would be taken from the informant and his wife when they arrived in Moscow, he stated the only thing that would be taken would be their passports.

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Buck stated that the informant should advise the Russians that the CPUSA wanted him to go to China to discuss the situation in the CPUSA with the leading comrades of the CP of China. He continued that the informant should go to the Chinese Embassy in Moscow and identify himself whereupon arrangements would be made for transportation from Moscow to Peking and return.

Buck stated that the ideal schedule in Moscow would be for the informant to meet with Michael Suslov, Otto Kuusinen, and B. Ponomareff in that order since they would have endless talks and discussions with him. He stated they would give the informant a lot of time and would be very thorough in their discussions. Usually at the conclusion of such discussions Nikita Khrushchev would summarize in one, two or three hours.

Buck continued that if the informant needed any additional documents or decisions from the CPUSA while in Moscow he should either send a letter to "Progress Union Books" in Toronto for Buck who would relay the message to NY 694-S* or he should telephone or send a cable to "Progress Union Books" if an immediate contact and answer was needed.

Buck continued that the Russians would not let the informant take his notes with him when he left Moscow. He said the informant should tell his Russian contact that it would be best if these notes were sent to Buck through his channels and Buck would make them available to the informant upon his return. Buck also suggested that the informant should organize with the Russians a more direct method for transmitting such material in the future.

Possible Soviet Financial Assistance to CPUSA

Buck was advised about the serious financial condition of the CPUSA. When the informant asked him for any suggestions he might have on how the Soviet Union might transmit any money it desired to give to the CPUSA, Buck stated that he would suggest that the first one or two sums of money from the Soviet Union be sent to Buck through his channels. He continued that the informant should suggest

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this to the Russians. Upon the arrival of such funds in Canada, Buck would make them available to NY 694-S* for delivery to the CPUSA. Buck continued that if money is sent this way the informant should emphasize to the Russians that it should be in \$50 and \$100 bills in order to reduce the bulk. Buck stated that because of its importance and urgency this method could be used once or twice. After the second time, however, the Russians should take a direct method transmitting funds between the Soviet Union and the CPUSA. He stated that the Russians know how to organize and establish the necessary arrangements in this regard.

Buck emphasized on more than one occasion that the informant should not leave his schedule in Russia up to the Russians. He stated that the informant should assert himself and make demands, commenting that the Russians consider the CPUSA of the utmost importance.

Both CG 5824-S* and NY 694-S* estimated that this trip would take a minimum of 2½ months. (100-428091-21)

On 4/23/58, the New York Office telephonically advised that Elizabeth Mascolo arrived in New York City from Toronto on that day and contacted the informant. She told the informant that the instructions had been changed slightly and instead of the informant's wife going to the Soviet Consulate in London on 4/25/58 to pick up the "floating visas," she should instead go to the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Brussels on 4/28/58 to pick up the "floating visas" to Prague. At the time the informant's wife went to the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Brussels, she was to let that embassy know exactly when she and her husband would arrive in Moscow. (100-428091-22)

Financial Aid From Soviets For Trip

On 4/24/58, ASAC Simon, New York Office, telephonically advised that in her contact with our informant on 4/23/58, Mascolo gave the informant \$1000 which she said came from the Russian Embassy in Ottawa. This money was in denominations of \$100, \$50 and \$10 bills.

It is also noted that Mascolo on this same trip delivered \$6000 to Alexander Trachtenberg. This money also came from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and, according to our informant, Mascolo stated that part of this money was to be given to the wife of Gilbert Green. (100-428091-19)

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Departure of CG 5824-S*

On 4/24/58, ASAC Simon also advised that the informant and his wife were scheduled to leave New York on 4/24/58 at 5:00 P.M. on Flight 824, Trans World Airlines, from Idlewild, New York. They would go directly to Paris, France, arriving there at 2:00 P.M. on 4/25/58. They would leave Paris on 4/27/58 for Brussels via Sabina Airlines. They would then leave Brussels on 4/28/58 for Prague and subsequently to Moscow. (100-428091-23)

On 5/1/58, NY 694-S* advised that on that date he received an air mail letter in the handwriting of the informant's wife dated 4/29/58 at Brussels. According to NY 694-S*, this message, which was coded by prearrangements between NY 694-S* and CG 5824-S*, reflected that CG 5824-S* obtained the "floating visas" in Brussels and was about to leave for Prague on 4/29/58. He apparently had some slight difficulty in obtaining the visas and the letter indicated that he must have been sent from the Czechoslovakian Consulate to the Czechoslovakian Embassy, or vice versa, to obtain these visas. (100-428091-25)

No further information regarding this matter has been received to date.